

ESAC Statement - World Statistics Days 2020

The Secretary-General of the United Nations in a letter to the Heads of state for the World Statistics Day 2020, invited governments to invest in “data and statistics” produced by official statistical agencies. This “is the only way in which we will be able to make the decisions needed to respond and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and get on track to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.”

The Secretary-General also underlined that “current, reliable, timely and trusted data are necessary to understand the changing world in which we live”, and that “the unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic has elevated the importance of data and statistics”.

ESAC fully supports the enlightened words of the UN Secretary-General.

In the year 2020, marked by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is facing new challenges. Statistics play an essential role in helping citizens, organizations and institutions to understand what is going on, and by providing reliable evidence for informing decisions and actions.

*Celebrating World Statistics Day 2020 on 20 October means supporting the importance of producing and using **trustworthy** statistics, in order to strengthen the collective wellbeing.*